Appointment of Muslims as Headmasters of English High Schools.

4. **MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any application from Muslims for the post of Headmasters of English High Schools?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have not received any application. But it is reported that one such application was received by the Director of Public Instruction.

Applicants for appointment as Muhammedan Inspector of Schools.

5. **MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received applications from Muhammedans, who are graduates in Arabic, for the post of the Muhammedan Inspector of Schools?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes—two applications.

Forest road from Azhancholai to Maruthamparakani.

6. **MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was Budget sanction for the construction of a forest road from Azhancholai to Maruthamparakani in Vilavankod taluk; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, whether the said road has been constructed?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*) above.

Primary school for the Mahomedans and Kanees.

7. **MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was a Primary School for the Mahommedans and Kanees of Kadayalumoodu in Kaliyal pakuthi, Vilavankod taluk; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, why it was abolished?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) There was no Primary School for the Mahomedans and Kanees as such, in Kaliyal pakuthi, Vilavankod taluk.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*) of the question.

Fall in literacy in the State.

8. **MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Kunnattur cum Pattanapuram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is true that while the population of the State has increased during the last ten years by 27 per cent. the proportion of literacy has fallen from 24·2 per cent. in 1921 to 23·9 per cent. in 1931; though in India as a whole it has risen from 7 per cent. to 8 per cent.

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for this fall in literacy; and

(*c*) whether this fall in literacy can be traced to any particular community or communities, and if so, which?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*c*) The member is referred to Chapter IX of Vol. I of the Census Report of Travancore, where the facts are fully discussed.

Consumption of Petrol in the State.

9. **MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Kunnattur cum Pattanapuram*): Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of petrol consumed in the State?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The approximate annual consumption of petrol in the State is 1,894,260 gallons.

Lady Assistant Surgeon in the General Hospital.

10. **MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was a Lady Assistant Surgeon in the medical staff of the General Hospital;

(*b*) if so, when it was;

(*c*) for what reason her services were dispensed with; and

(*d*) whether they are aware that there is a female ward and a separate section for females in the dispensary?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) From Meenam 1088 to Edavom 1090.

(*c*) Her services were not dispensed with. When a fully equipped hospital for women and children was opened in Trivandrum, she was posted to that institution, as a lady doctor was not then felt to be necessary for the General Hospital.

(*d*) Yes.

Stipend for Medical Studies.

11. **MR. N ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB** (*Nominated*): Have the Government awarded stipend to any Muslim lady for medical studies in the Madras Medical College?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): There was no application from any Muslim lady for a stipend for medical studies in the Madras Medical College, and none has been awarded.

Additional Jenmikaram Settlement Officers.

12. **MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB** (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of additional Jenmikaram Settlement Officers; and

(*b*) will they be pleased to say whether all these appointments were given effect to?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A statement by caste of the Additional Jenmikaram Settlement Officers is laid on the table.

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